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AMBASSADOR LEONARD

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1. WE HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING WITH THE FINNISH FOREIGN MINISTRY ARRANGEMENTS FOR USG/GOF DISCUSSIONS DURING AMBASSADOR LEONARD'S VISIT TO HELSINKI (REFTELS).
2. IF CONVENIENT TO AMB. LEONARD, THE MOST SUITABLE DAY FOR THE CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26. WE HAVE TENTATIVELY AGREED WITH THE MFA THAT THE CONSULTATIONS WOULD CONSIST OF A MORNING SESSION, A WORKING LUNCH HOSTED BY THE MFA AND AN AFTERNOON SESSION; THE CONSULTATIONS WOULD COVER INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC QUESTIONS WITH A SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON DISARMAMENT ISSUES.
3. PLEASE ADVISE IF THE PROPOSED DATE IS CONVENIENT TO AMB. LEONARD. IN THIS CONNECTION WE SHOULD POINT OUT THAT SENIOR MFA OFFICIALS WILL BE UNAVAILABLE ON TUESDAY, APRIL 25. ON THE AFTERNOON OF MONDAY, APRIL 24, AMB. LEONARD WILL BE ADDRESSING THE SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL DISARMAMENT

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CONFERENCE; MORNING CONSULTATIONS ON THE 24TH FOLLOWED BY A LUNCH WOULD BE A POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE, BUT IN OUR OPINION FULLER CONSULTATIONS ON THE 26TH WOULD BE PREFERABLE. AMOTHER ALTERNATIVE DATE IS FRIDAY, APRIL 21. ALL OF THESE DATES (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF APRIL 25) ARE ACCEPTABLE TO THE MFA.

4. ONCE THE DATE FOR CONSULTATIONS IS SET WE WILL HAVE
ADDITIONAL PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS. AMBASSADOR RIDGWAY
CORDIALLY INVITES AMBASSADOR LEONARD TO STAY AT THE
RESIDENCE DURING HIS VISIT AND WILL WISH TO HOST A
DINNER IN HIS HONOR.

RIDGWAY

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